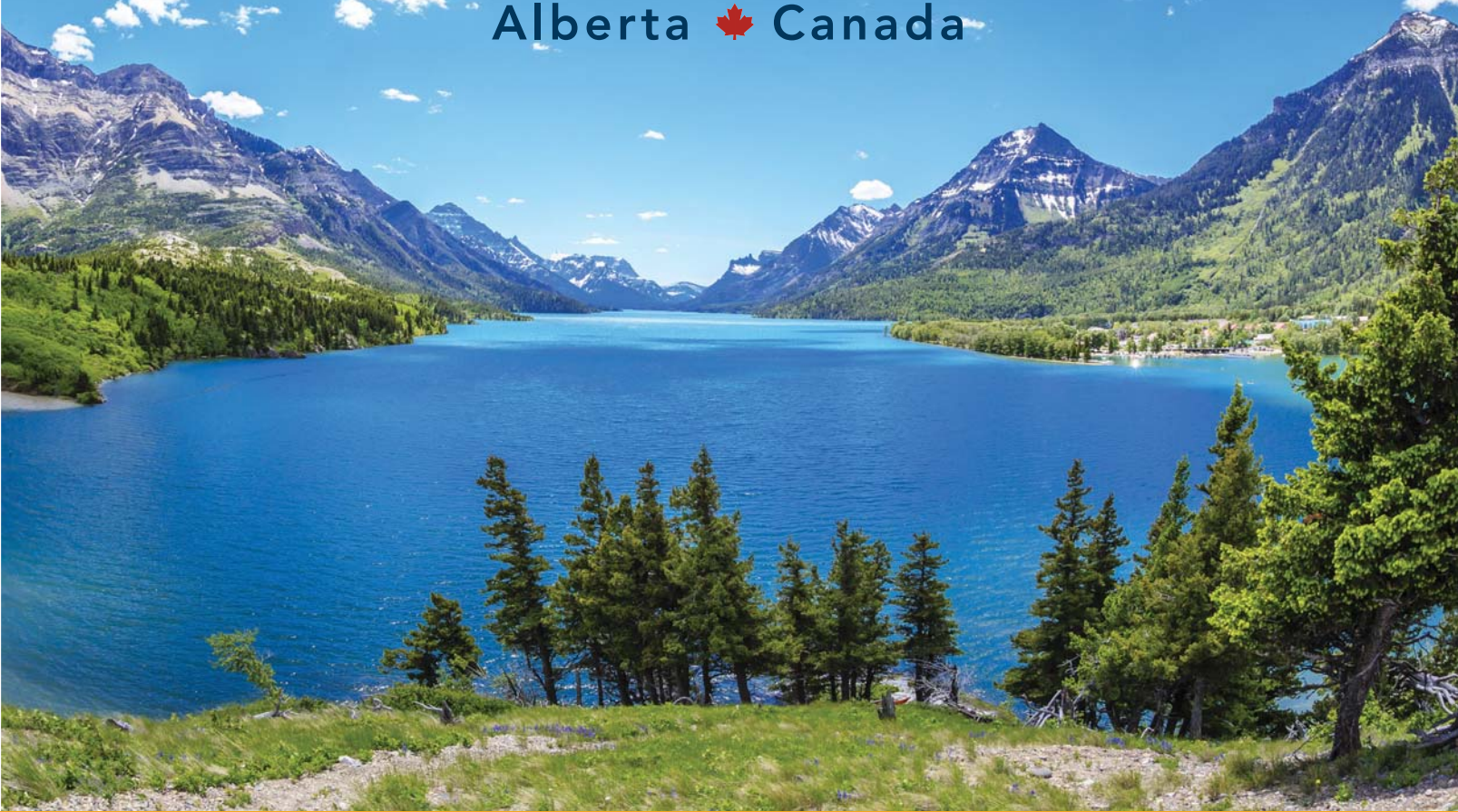


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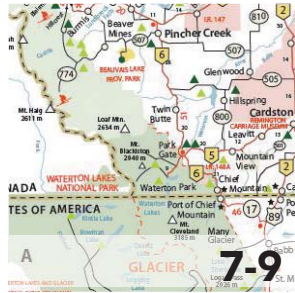
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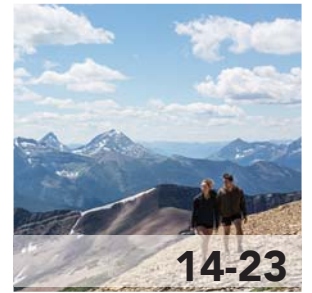
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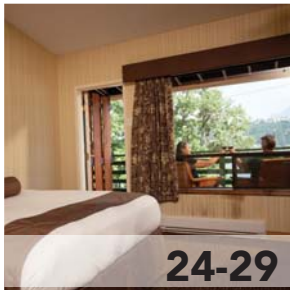
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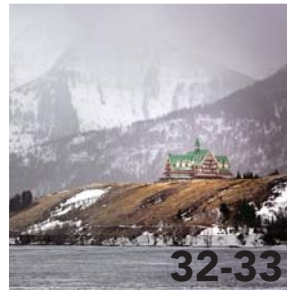
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ALL DISTANCES SHOWN IN KMS	Banff	Calgary	Cardston	Crowsnest Pass	East Glacier, MT	Edmonton	Fernie	Fort Macleod	Great Falls, MT	Jasper	Kootenay National Park	Lethbridge	Medicine Hat	Milk River	Pincher Creek	Radium Hot Springs	Regina	Taber	Vulcan	Waterton	Whitefish, MT	Yoho National Park
Banff	X	127	357	325	475	401	385	295	635	288	41	335	434	420	317	136	897	385	250	361	457	84
Calgary	127	X	227	237	357	281	296	173	513	413	166	212	266	298	217	261	757	263	128	271	460	208
Cardston	357	227	X	136	119	526	195	62	292	643	397	79	245	120	79	415	699	127	160	55	248	439
Crowsnest Pass	325	237	136	X	234	528	72	100	451	612	292	142	316	235	57	291	771	189	184	112	235	408
East Glacier, MT	475	357	119	234	X	644	290	181	229	762	454	193	364	173	178	453	820	247	283	140	131	539
Edmonton	401	281	526	528	644	X	587	464	804	366	453	503	559	589	508	547	781	514	415	562	750	495
Fernie	385	296	195	72	290	587	X	160	517	582	221	209	375	294	116	220	837	259	244	172	160	351
Fort Macleod	295	173	62	100	181	464	160	X	351	582	335	49	216	135	52	379	671	100	102	106	310	377
Great Falls, MT	635	513	292	451	229	804	517	351	X	923	674	302	409	216	363	680	743	292	397	326	358	699
Jasper	288	413	643	612	762	366	582	582	923	X	267	621	720	707	603	361	1,139	671	537	660	683	253
Kootenay National Park	41	166	397	292	454	453	221	335	674	267	X	375	473	460	337	1	936	425	290	412	323	45
Lethbridge	335	212	79	142	193	503	209	49	302	621	375	X	170	83	103	428	625	51	114	132	327	417
Medicine Hat	434	266	245	316	364	559	375	216	409	720	473	170	X	193	186	514	466	117	228	298	492	513
Milk River	420	298	120	235	173	589	294	135	216	707	460	83	193	X	186	514	647	77	181	167	302	502
Pincher Creek	317	217	79	57	178	508	116	52	363	603	337	103	267	186	X	336	722	151	153	56	280	399
Radium Hot Springs	136	261	415	291	453	547	220	379	680	361	1	428	514	514	336	X	1030	480	384	392	322	131
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Taber	385	263	127	189	247	514	259	100	292	671	425	51	117	77	151	480	573	X	146	181	376	467
Vulcan	250	128	160	184	283	415	244	102	397	537	290	114	228	181	153	384	689	146	X	195	407	314
Waterton	361	271	55	112	140	562	172	106	326	660	412	132	298	167	56	392	752	181	195	X	268	455
Whitefish, MT	457	460	248	235	131	750	160	310	358	683	323	327	492	302	280	322	948	376	407	268	X	453
Yoho National Park	84	208	439	408	539	495	351	377	699	253	45	417	513	502	399	131	979	467	314	455	453	X

AIRPORTS

Airports and car rentals at Calgary and Lethbridge, Alberta; Kalispell and Great Falls, Montana.



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Metric

Length	Speed	Volume
1 km = 0.62 mi	100 km/h = 60 mph	1 litre = 0.26 US gal
Temperature		
Celsius	-40 -30 -20 -10 0 10 20 30 37 100 200	
Fahrenheit	-40 -22 -4 14 32 50 68 86 98.6 212 392	

BORDER CROSSING INFORMATION

OPEN YEAR ROUND:

Carway, Alberta and Peigan, Montana
7:00 am – 11:00 pm Daily

SEASONAL (MID MAY – OCTOBER 1) WEATHER PERMITTING:

Chief Mountain, Alberta and Montana

May 15 – 31
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

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7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Tuesday following Canada Labour Day – September 30
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

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SCENIC PARKWAYS

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PARK ENTRANCE ROAD / KOOTENAI BROWN

The 8 km route from the Park gate to the community features outstanding views of the Park's namesake chain of sparkling lakes.

AKAMINA PARKWAY / CAMERON LAKE

Begins in the village and runs 16 km (10 miles) up the Cameron Creek Valley to glacier-formed Cameron Lake. The First Oil Well in Western Canada commemorates Western Canada's first producing oil well. The Continental Divide parallels the roadway and the boundaries of Alberta, British Columbia and Montana converge at Cameron Lake.

BISON PADDOCK CIRCLE DRIVE

Located north of the Park entrance gate on Highway #6 is the Bison Paddock Loop Road. It rolls across a stunning glacial landscape of moraines and eskers. Native grasslands are home to a small herd of plains bison which are direct descendants from the original herds of the Great Plains. The Bison herd has temporarily been relocated until their handling facility has been repaired and the range has sufficiently recovered.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY / BELLY RIVER

Departs Highway #5 east of the Park gate. It leads to Glacier National Park, USA, and the Chief Mountain customs station. The seasonal road offers dramatic scenic vistas high above the Waterton Valley. Learn more at the exhibit there. The Belly River campground is located along this route. Sacred Chief Mountain dominates the skyline.

RED ROCK PARKWAY / RED ROCK CANYON

Meanders 15 km (9 miles) over rolling prairie through the Blakiston Valley. It best illustrates "Where the Mountains Meet the Prairie." The parkway follows the ancient Buffalo Trail used by Indigenous hunting parties. Learn more at roadside exhibits. Dramatic views of Mt. Blakiston, the park's highest mountain (2940 m/9645 ft) are complimented by strikingly colored red and green rocks. Red Rock Canyon offers a lovely day use area with trails, exhibits, and picnic shelters.

CYCLING PATHWAYS

KOOTENAI BROWN TRAIL

6.9 km / 13.8 mi. return

Multi-use paved trail parallels the park entrance road from the Park gate to Linnet Lake parking lot. Great views.

WATERTON VILLAGE

3.2 km / 2 mi. return

The multi-use trail circles the village and meanders along the shoreline. Wheelchairs and bikes can easily maneuver this trail.

WISHBONE TRAIL

13 km / 8.1 mi. return

Trailhead: 0.5 km along Chief Mountain Highway

SNOWSHOE TRAIL

16.4 km / 10.2 mi. return

Trailhead: Red Rock Canyon parking lot

AKAMINA PASS TRAIL

1.3 km / 0.8 mi. one way

Trailhead: 14.4 km along Akamina Parkway

CRANDELL LOOP TRAIL

4 – 20 km / 2.4 – 12 mi. for the entire loop

6 km along Akamina Parkway or

6 km along Red Rock Canyon

Bike rentals available in the village



WATERTON VILLAGE MAP

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- Recycling / Boîte de recyclage
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- Picnic Shelter / Abri de pique-nique
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Red Rock Parkway
Bison Paddock
Park Entrance

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Entrée du parc

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03 Driftwood Beach
04 Hay Barn
05 Marquis Hole
06 Knight's Lake
07 Maskinonge



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Upper Waterton Lake
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WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK



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Type	Hiking Trail	Other Trail Users	Estimated Time (Return)	Distance (Return)	Elevation Gain	Trail Description
	Cyclists Horses Horses Permitted Except in July & August Backcountry Campground Easy Moderate Difficult					
SHORT HIKES	Townsite		1 hour	3.2 km /2 mi.	Minimal	Paved trail beside Upper Waterton Lake.
	Prince of Wales		45 minutes	2 km /1.2 mi.	Minimal	View of the Waterton Lakes—loop trail.
	Linnet Lake Loop		20 minutes	1 km /0.6 mi.	Minimal	Short stroll around a small lake.
	Cameron Lakeshore		1 hour	3 km /1.9 mi.	Minimal	Walk through a “snow forest” beside a scenic subalpine lake.
	Akamina Lake		30 minutes	1 km /0.6 mi.	Minimal	Short stroll to a pristine subalpine lake.
	Red Rock Canyon Loop		20 minutes	0.7 km /0.4 mi.	Minimal	Paved trail along a colourful canyon.
	Blakiston Falls		45 minutes	2 km /1.2 mi.	Minimal	A short walk leads to waterfall viewpoints.
	Kootenai Brown Trail		2 hours	13.8 km/8.6 mi.	Minimal	Paved trail with view of lakes, prairie and mountains.
	Crandell Lake (Red Rock Parkway)		1.25 hours	4 km /2.4 mi.	125 m/410 ft.	Steady uphill trail through montane forest. Good family hike.
	Crandell Lake (Akamina Parkway)		1 hour	3.6 km /2.2 mi.	75 m/246 ft.	Steady uphill trail through pine and aspen. Good family hike.
	Lower Bertha Falls		1.5 hour	5.2 km /3.2 mi	175 m/574 ft.	Moderate climb to a cascading “bridal veil” waterfall.
	Bear’s Hump		1 hour	2.8 km /1.8 mi.	225 m/738 ft.	Steep climb with panoramic view of Waterton Valley.
DAY HIKES	Snowshoe		5 hours	16.4 km/10.2 mi.	150 m/492 ft.	Old fire road suited for cycling.
	Forum Lake, BC		3 hours	8.8 km /5.5 mi.	350 m/1148 ft.	Impressive rock wall surrounds lake in BC Provincial Park.
	Wall Lake, BC		3.5 hours	10.4 km /6.5 mi.	110 m/361 ft.	Popular alpine lake in BC Provincial Park.

ACCESS TO ADVENTURE

Scenic parkways and well maintained trails are your gateway to the wonders of Waterton. Accessible picnic spots and campsites are found throughout the park. Enjoy scenic vistas and learn about the features of this special place at road-side exhibits. Spellbinding views await.

Waterton Lakes National Park is located adjacent to Glacier National Park, Montana. Together, the two parks form Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. The International Peace Park Hike is a special experience with a Canadian park interpreter and an American park ranger along the Lakeshore Trail. Stop at the Waterton Visitor Centre for more information!

Hiking Trails

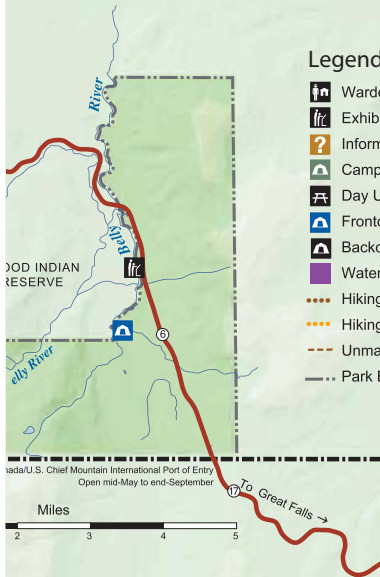
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DAY HIKES

	Kootenai Lakes, Goat Haunt, MT		3 hours	8 km /5 mi.	70 m/200 ft.	Upper Waterton valley. Mineral lick.
	Summit Lake		3 hours	8 km /5 mi.	305 m/1000 ft.	Switchbacks through old growth forest to Summit Plateau.
	Lineham Creek		3 hours	8.4 km /5.2 mi.	350 m/1148 ft.	Forested uphill hike to view a 250 m (410 ft.) high falls.
	Lower Rowe Lake		3 hours	8 km /5 mi.	350 m/1148 ft.	Forested and open slopes lead to a small alpine lake.
	Upper Rowe Lake		5 hours	12.8 km/8 mi.	575 m/1886 ft.	Meadow of wildflowers at 5.2 km (3.2 mi.), steep climb to lake.
	Bertha Lake		4.5 hours	10.4 km/6.5 mi.	460 m/1509 ft.	Steady uphill to this popular and pretty lake.
	Lakeshore Trail		4 hours	13 km/8 mi. one way	125 m/410 ft.	Requires return boat trip from Goat Haunt, USA or return hike.
	Horseshoe Basin		7 hours	21.3 km/13 mi.	350 m/1148 ft.	Hike through open prairie. Abundant wildflowers in spring.
	Blakiston Valley		7 hours	20.2 km/12.5 mi.	350 m/1148 ft.	A creekside trail in a fairly open valley.
	Goat Lake		5 hours	14 km/8.7 mi.	500 m/1640 ft.	Steep switchbacks and open rocky slope to hanging valley.
	Wishbone		8 hours	21 km/13 mi.	Minimal	Hike through aspen forest & wetlands. Access to Vimy Peak.
	Crypt Lake		6 hours	17.2 km/ 10.7 mi.	675 m/2214 ft.	Waterfall, natural tunnel & cliff traverse. Requires boat shuttle.
	Carthew-Alderson		8 hours	20.1 km/12.5 mi. one way	650 m/2132 ft.	Spectacular views from Carthew Ridge. May need car shuttle.
	Twin Lakes		9 hours	22.8 km/14.1 mi.	455 m/1492 ft.	Steady uphill trail to two alpine lakes.
MULTI-DAY	Tamarack Trail		2 to 3 days	32 to 36 km/20 to 23 mi.	Varies with route selection	Scenic hike along the Continental Divide. Access to Lone Lake. May require car shuttle.

2017 Kenow

WILDFIRE



A LOOK BACK AT THE KENOW WILDFIRE IN WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK SEPTEMBER 2017

Information supplied by Parks Canada

On August 30, 2017, after an intense lightning and thunder storm, Parks Canada Fire Management staff in Waterton Lakes National Park detected a wildfire about ten kilometres (6 miles) from the park boundary, in British Columbia. Exceptionally hot weather, strong winds, and extremely dry conditions fuelled the extreme behaviour of the Kenow Wildfire over the next week.

Parks Canada worked closely with partner agencies and neighbouring jurisdictions as the fire progressed. Fire crews created fuel line breaks and helicopters dropped water on hotspots to prevent the spread of fire. In addition, fire retardant was sprayed on picnic shelters, washrooms, and other visitor facilities. In the Waterton townsite, high-volume water pumps and sprinkler systems were installed around the edge of the community and trees, shrubs, grasses, and other flammable items were removed from properties. As preparations were underway, an evacuation alert was issued, and on September 8, with hot, dry weather and high winds in the forecast, an evacuation order was issued.

The Kenow Wildfire firmly established itself in Waterton Lakes National Park on September 11, 2017, moving northeast down the Cameron Valley along the Akamina Parkway. Later in the evening, flames were visible from the Townsite and on the north side of Crandell Mountain. The wildfire began to move north at a high rate of speed, spreading through the grasslands along the park's entrance road. Overnight, the wildfire moved north and east out of the park and into adjacent lands.

In the end, the wildfire burned 38,000 hectares, including 20,329 hectares in Waterton Lakes National Park. The wildfire had a significant impact on built infrastructure in the park. Akamina Parkway (16 kilometres), Red Rock Parkway (15 kilometres, 9 miles), associated bridges, guardrails, signs, picnic areas and parking areas were affected despite the best efforts of facility protection crews. Unfortunately many hiking trails were affected by the Kenow fire. In addition, the Visitor Centre, Crandell Campground, the maintenance shop at the golf course, many buildings at Canyon Youth Camp, the Alpine Stables, staff housing and associated infrastructure such as water and electrical systems were destroyed by the fire.

2017 KENOW FIRE TIMELINE

AUGUST 30:

A lightning strike ignites a wildfire on Kenow Mountain in British Columbia, close to the park boundary.

SEPTEMBER 2:

A small 0.5 hectare spot fire starts inside the western boundary of the park.

SEPTEMBER 5:

An Evacuation Alert is issued for Waterton Lakes National Park.

SEPTEMBER 8:

An Evacuation Order is issued for Waterton Lakes National Park.

SEPTEMBER 9:

Personnel from across Canada, including structural fire crews from regional municipalities, helicopters, fire engines (ladder trucks), water tenders, and facility protection resources are in place in the park.

SEPTEMBER 11:

The wildfire escapes the park's boundaries at night. Throughout the night, firefighters worked tirelessly to protect the Waterton townsite and Prince of Wales Hotel National Historic Site within the park.

SEPTEMBER 12:

Fire suppression continues as the fire is still active.

SEPTEMBER 19:

The fire is classified as "being held".

SEPTEMBER 20:

The public is allowed to enter the park after the Evacuation Order is lifted.

OCTOBER 3:

The Kenow Wildfire is classified as "under control" and "being patrolled".



Photo Nick Alexander Parks Canada/Waterton Lakes National Park

A HEARTY THANK YOU AND GRATITUDE

Heroic efforts by Parks Canada, with the support of fire fighters from agencies across the country and municipal fire departments from nearby communities and the cities of Lethbridge and Calgary, saved the Prince of Wales Hotel National Historic Site and the community of Waterton. We are forever grateful for your courage, your tireless efforts, and for all that you accomplished.

LOOKING AHEAD AFTER THE FIRE

This landscape has evolved with fire and will transform over time. Wildfires occur naturally and fulfil critical ecosystem functions, with the positive ecological effects usually greater than the negative. These are dynamic ecosystems, changing and adapting in response to natural forces. This wildfire has removed canopy cover in the park which will provide an opportunity for smaller, ground-based plants to establish. A complete understanding of the impact of this wildfire on the park's ecology will take many years to assess.



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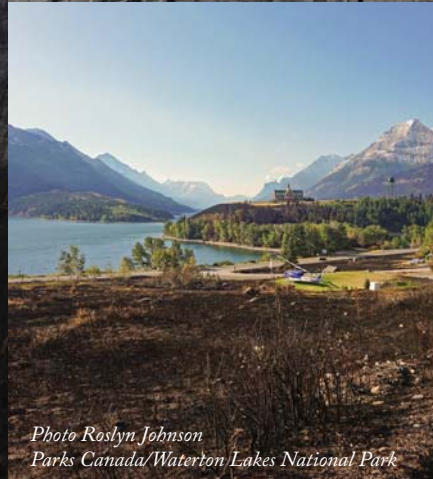


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WATERTON'S WILDLIFE AFTER THE FIRE

The Kenow Wildfire was one of exceptional severity. Under less severe circumstances, larger animals are usually able to flee and smaller animals may seek refuge underground. The fire's rapid growth and heavy smoke unfortunately meant some animals did succumb to the wildfire. However, healthy animals, including elk, deer, moose, bears, and sheep were observed within the area soon after the fire. Waterton's wildlife have evolved with fire on the landscape and will thrive in Waterton again in the years to come.

STUBBORN AS A BULL

Parks Canada relocated most of the bison herd from Waterton Lakes National Park ahead of the wildfire to keep the animals safe. The bison were gently shepherded into the handling facility and transported by truck to Grasslands National Park in Saskatchewan.

One bull did not cooperate during relocation attempts. With the urgency of the fire situation, staff left the bull in a location where it had the best possible chance of survival. The bull survived the incident sheltering near a pond, demonstrating how wildlife have evolved to survive with fire on the landscape. Parks Canada is hoping to bring bison back once the native grassland recovers, and the handling facility is rebuilt.

VISITOR OPPORTUNITIES

There is still lots to do in the park and unique opportunities for visitors to experience Waterton's natural areas. For a full list of open areas and recreational opportunities, we encourage visitors to check www.parkscanada.ca/waterton for up-to-date information.

Plan your visit ahead of time. Visiting in the spring or fall, weekdays in the summer, or early morning or evening will provide the best opportunity for easier access and less crowding.

Visitor safety is a top priority for Parks Canada. Large areas of the Park remain closed as a result of significant hazards caused by the Kenow wildfire. Information on closed areas can be found at www.parkscanada.ca/waterton. For your safety, respect all area closures.



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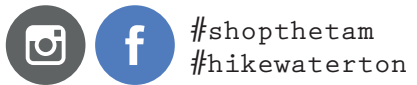


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From a twenty-minute stroll to a three-day trek, Waterton has the trails that suit any hiking level and experiences that will be sure to get you to your happy place.

TAKE A HIKE



Photo Patt Smith

Due to the 2017 Kenow wildfire, certain areas of the park may be temporarily unavailable due to restoration work. Parks Canada is working hard to get these areas of the park re-opened as soon as possible. Please check www.parksCanada.ca/waterton for the latest updates.

LINNET LAKE LOOP For the less experienced or those with small children a leisurely walk around the Linnet Lake Loop will take less than half an hour on a paved, but slightly rough path. There are a few benches along the way to enjoy the small but gem-like lake.

THE KOOTENAI BROWN TRAIL was created as a legacy gift to Canadians in recognition of the 125th anniversary of Canada's National Parks. A multi-use pathway about seven kilometres one way is perfect for families or for biking and has unparalleled views of the mountains and Waterton Lakes. The casual walk descends through prairie grasslands where you will find John George Kootenai Brown's gravesite, along with those of his two wives. Kootenai Brown, the first appointed park official, had significant influence in the development of the area. You will find an information plaque at the viewpoint showcasing historical information.

WISHBONE TRAIL runs alongside Chief Mountain Highway. It's approximately 10 kilometres (6 miles) long one way, and is a somewhat challenging trail. There is little shade on this trail and there is no elevation gain, so pack according to the weather. Throughout the trail you will discover many of Waterton's famous flora and fauna.

THE TRAIL TO VIMY PEAK is a steep and difficult climb up to 7200 ft in elevation. To get to this trail head you must walk, bike, or ride in by horseback (which is a popular choice) on the Wishbone Trail. You can also access the trail by boat shuttle service to Wishbone Landing. The hike is eleven kilometres each way and is an impressive work of nature. Vimy Peak is easy to identify - it stands out since there are no other mountains in front of it.

RED ROCK CANYON is a must-see if you are heading into Waterton Lakes National Park. This deep beautiful canyon is a fantastic place to explore the natural beauty in the Rocky Mountains. Red rocks are formed in a variety of shapes including flat, jagged and edgy. Small rivers flow through the canyon making the red rocks a very deep color. Red Rock is an amazing place to capture stunning images.



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DARK SKY DESIGNATION



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The park is committed to protecting its environment by promoting responsible lighting, installing sky-compliant lighting in the townsite and ensuring new development permits comply with dark sky regulations. Nighttime environment for wildlife is improved and dark observing sites for astronomers and visitors to experience exceptional starry night skies is accessible. Cameron Lake, Red Rock Canyon, and the Bison Paddock are some of the best places for observing the dark sky. A seasoned astronomer may use a telescope and a sophisticated camera to observe on their own. However, an amateur could join Parks Canada on one of the special events Dark Sky Theatre Programs led by staff and volunteers. Admire the backdrop of constellations, The Milky Way, a variety of planets and craters on the moon during your visit to the International Dark Sky Park in Waterton.

Dark skies are rare and not easily observed. Obtaining this achievement is valuable to the environment. It won't be long before much of the world will no longer be able to see the Milky Way because too many man-made lights have made the Milky Way virtually invisible. Caring for our environment, and taking steps such as preventing or controlling further light pollution, is imperative so we can enjoy the natural beauties of the world.



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Those who stand admiring the falls will often feel the gentle mist of water dusting their skin as the water roars loudly below. There are several view points along and above the waterfall to capture spectacular images and admire this work of nature.

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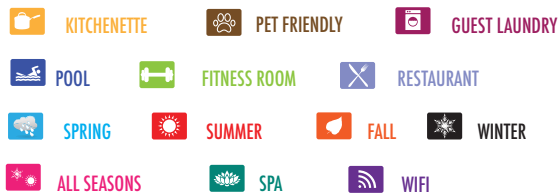
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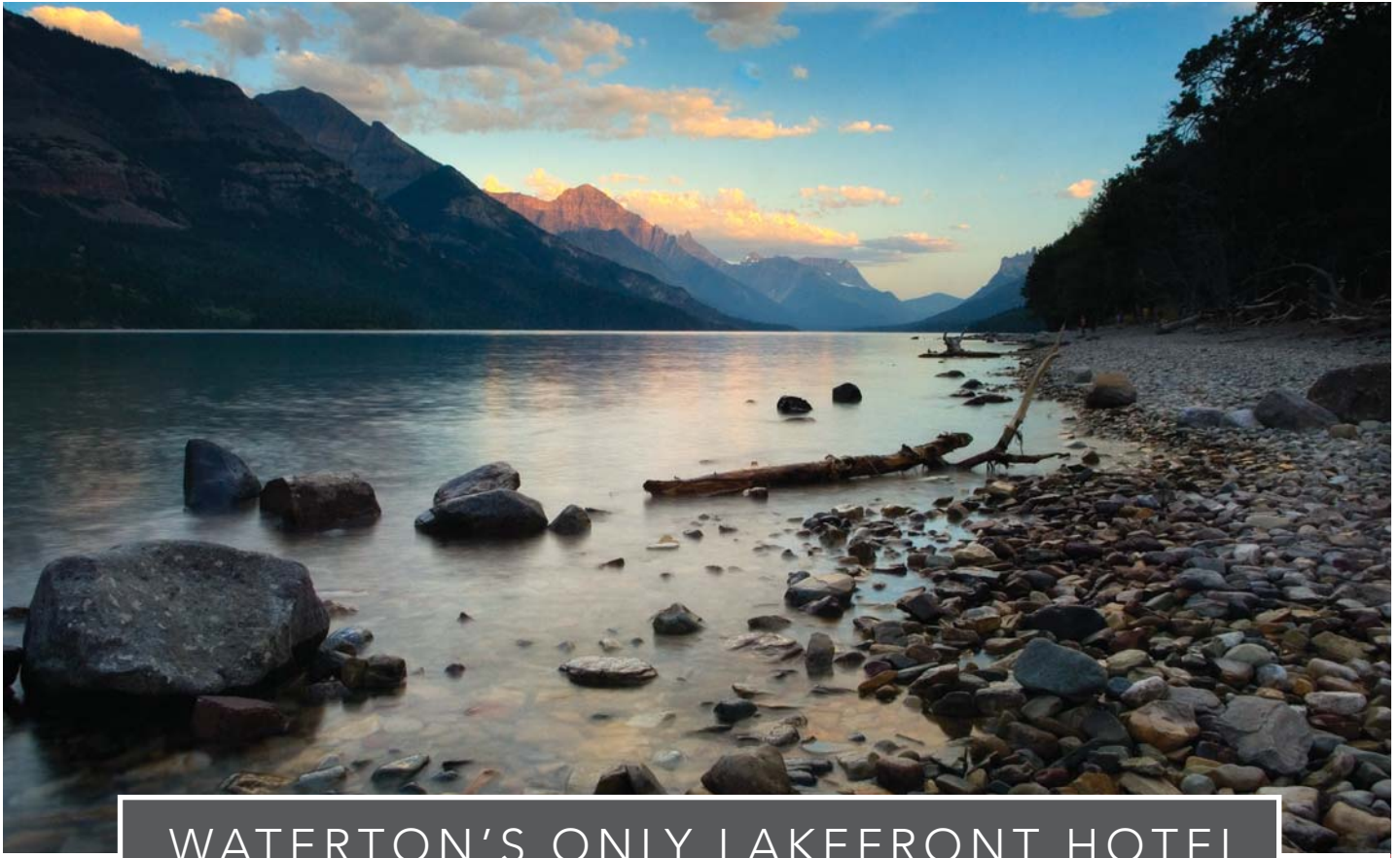
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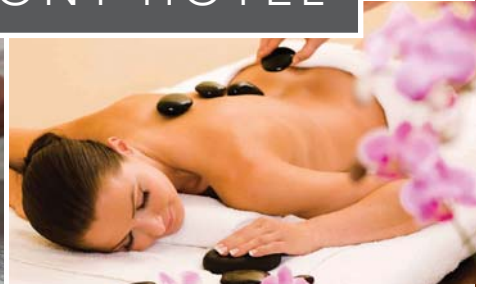
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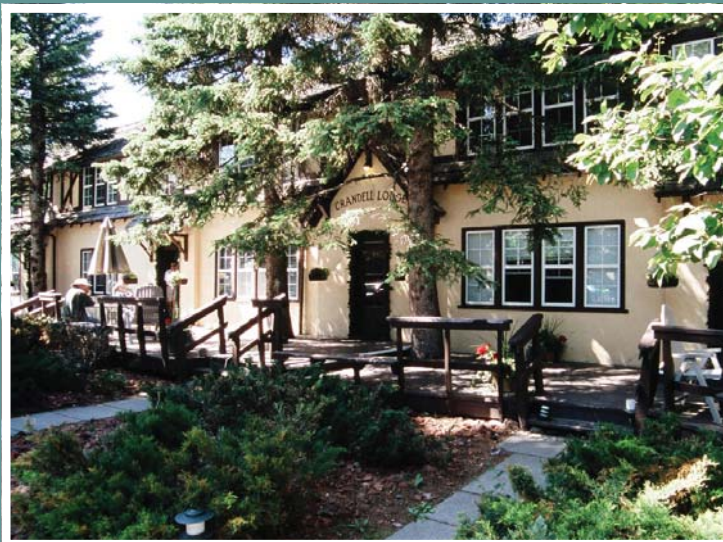


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Just ask these two locals: Keith and Mariajose Robinson were married in Waterton in 2017...

"After meeting at the University of Calgary, Mariajose and I spent the next 6 summers together living and working in Waterton Park. I finally worked up the courage to propose to her on a snowy afternoon in December 2015, while walking one of the trails along the Akamina Parkway. I must say, if you're looking to ask a special someone a question like that, there are hundreds, - make it thousands - of different places and ways to "pop the question" in Waterton Lakes National Park. As we discussed wedding plans, we knew we would have the ceremony in Waterton - I grew up here, and it seemed the right thing to do. But Maria, now a year-round resident herself, recognized that we couldn't have the ceremony during the busy summer months. We decided that early October would be best. It wouldn't be as busy in the park, and the weather can be absolutely beautiful, with fresh snow covering the mountain peaks and the autumn leaves at their most colorful. That being said, we were aware that we might have to deal with some snow... We never expected that we would have to contend with arguably the largest forest fire in Waterton's recorded

history. The Waterton townsite was evacuated just days before the Kenow Fire burned through the park in early September. All of our plans were thrown into jeopardy, but thanks to the efforts of Parks Canada and the various emergency crews, we were able to return home to Waterton relatively quickly. Our original plan to get married outside in front of one of nature's most beautiful backdrops had to be altered, due to the charred, burnt landscape. As such, we had the ceremony in the center of the still-green, unscathed townsite, at the Waterton Community Center. The weather leading up to the wedding was hot, calm and sunny, essentially like summer, and the snowstorm miraculously didn't hit until the day after the wedding! With wedding guests coming from Chile, Norway, the UK and the USA, we were also surrounded by many of our friends, family and fellow residents from Waterton. Our wedding turned into more than just a celebration of two people – it was a celebration for all of Waterton." -Keith B. Robinson

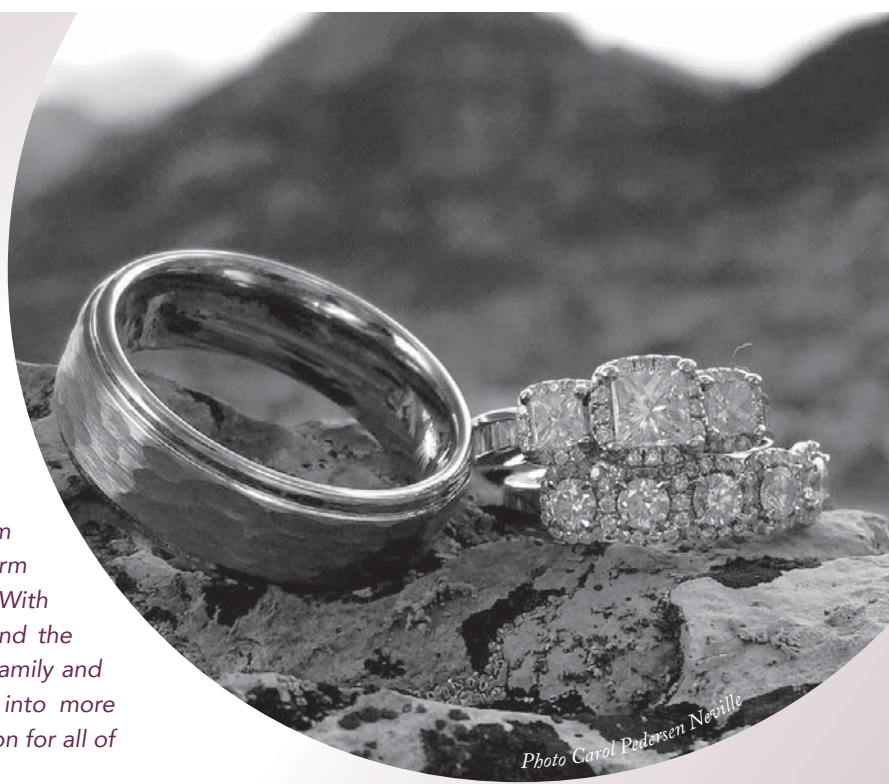


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Walking down the aisle in Waterton as the majestic beauty of the sun glistens on the sparkling blue lake can be breathtaking. Waterton sets the tone for amazing backdrops for your special day. Whether an intimate wedding or a larger function, your expectations will be exceeded. Here are some ideas for your wedding or bridal party in Waterton:

- Hold your ceremony with an amazing backdrop of the lakeshore.
- Activities are endless for your friends and family during the whole weekend.
- Host a bachelor party with a golf weekend.
- Pamper you and your bridal party at the spa.
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- Dance the night away on the hardwood floors at the various venues.
- Take your wedding photos at the many stunning scenic surroundings.
- Need help planning your wedding? Just ask one of the local wedding experts for assistance!

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WINTER WONDERLAND

Photo Hubert Kang

During the winter, Waterton is known to be serene, most of the businesses close for the winter, giving you the whole town to explore. Waterton in the winter calls to the real rejuvenators looking to escape the busyness of life; reconnecting with loved ones, taking part in the rich experiences that Waterton offers. Here are some of our favourite winter Waterton activities:

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING This activity is for outdoor enthusiasts that want to get off the beaten path! The experience Waterton offers is terrain that is mostly ungroomed as fewer visitors frequent this area in the winter. It really is the best hidden secret and what better way to uncover them than to glide along an ungroomed trail, creating your own path.

SNOWSHOEING Like cross country skiing, snowshoeing in Waterton is an exciting expedition into the pristine environment. This is an experience that will leave you refreshed and reconnected with nature and your snowshoeing partners. Get in a great workout while trekking through and exploring the beauty of Waterton!

BUILDING A SNOWMAN Put the cell phone down and invest some quality time in this classic activity. The best part is in the winter, Waterton is uncrowded so you feel like you have the place to yourself. Sure, you can build a snowman in your own backyard, but in ours, the laughter can echo for miles.

EXPLORING THE VILLAGE People have said there is something magical about Waterton in the winter. At the heart of this “magic” is the village. In the summer the village is bustling with tourists exploring the shops and dining on patios, but in the winter, with a few exceptions, the businesses are boarded up and the village is filled with a peaceful quiet that is nearly impossible to replicate anywhere else. See iconic Waterton spots without the crowds such as the Prince of Wales lookout, Cameron Falls, and the dock at Linnet Lake.

WILDLIFE VIEWING Whether you actively seek out wildlife or allow it to happen organically, a sighting can certainly add to the ambiance of your quiet vacation in Waterton. Deer and bighorn sheep are the most common, especially right in the village. Although the village may be quiet, you may have to share it with these mild in nature creatures that often make an appearance. They are not shy and may even stay still long enough to pose proudly for a photo. Just remember to keep your distance.

IDENTIFYING WILDLIFE TRACKS Snow, mud and sand are great for discovering signs of wildlife. You may not see the animal, but you know it has passed by. Try to determine what animals made the tracks. Finding these wildlife tracks can be an adventure for the whole family.

Parks Canada's wildlife viewing guidelines are available at <http://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ab/waterton/activ/experiences/observationfaune-wildlifeviewing>

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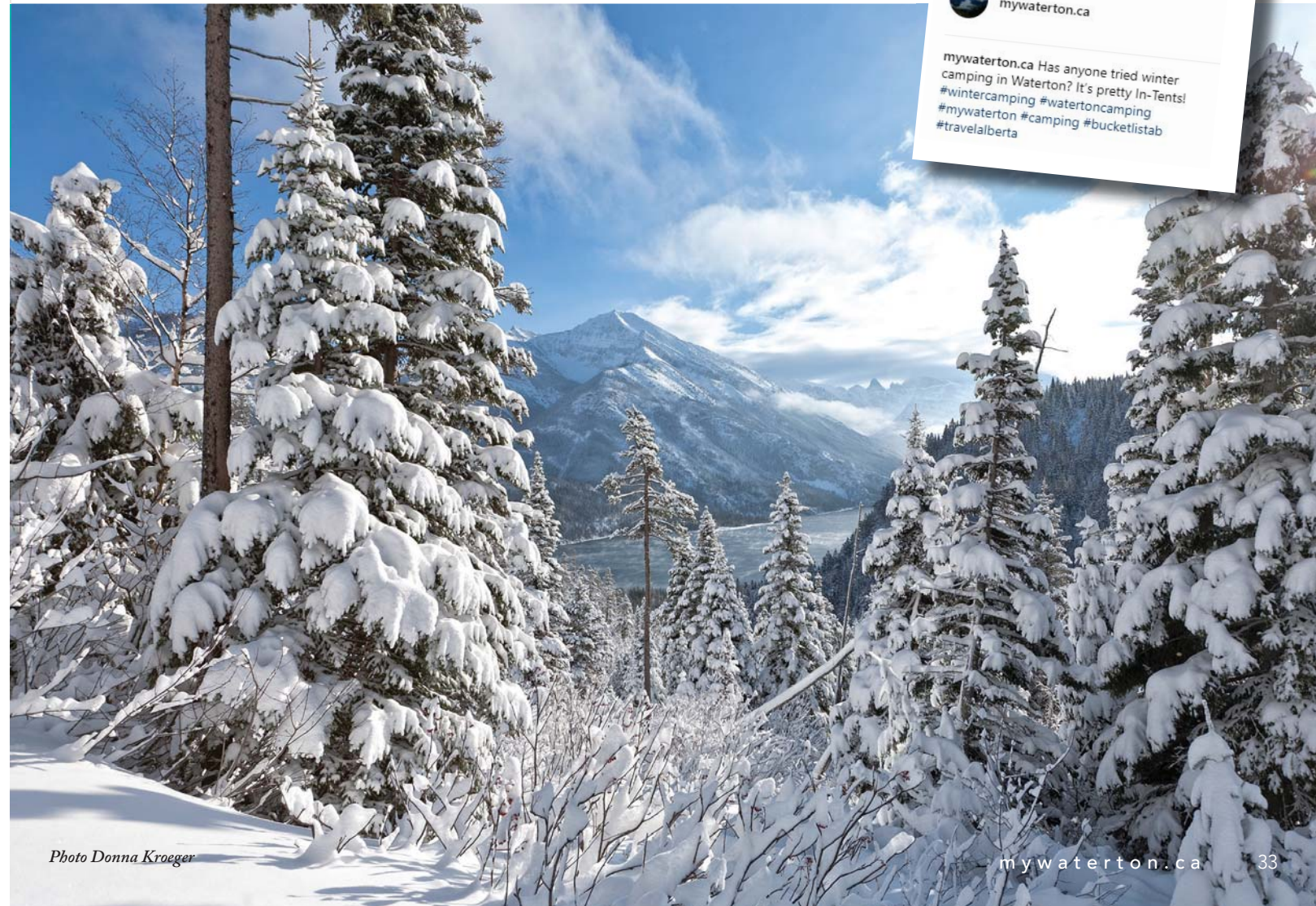


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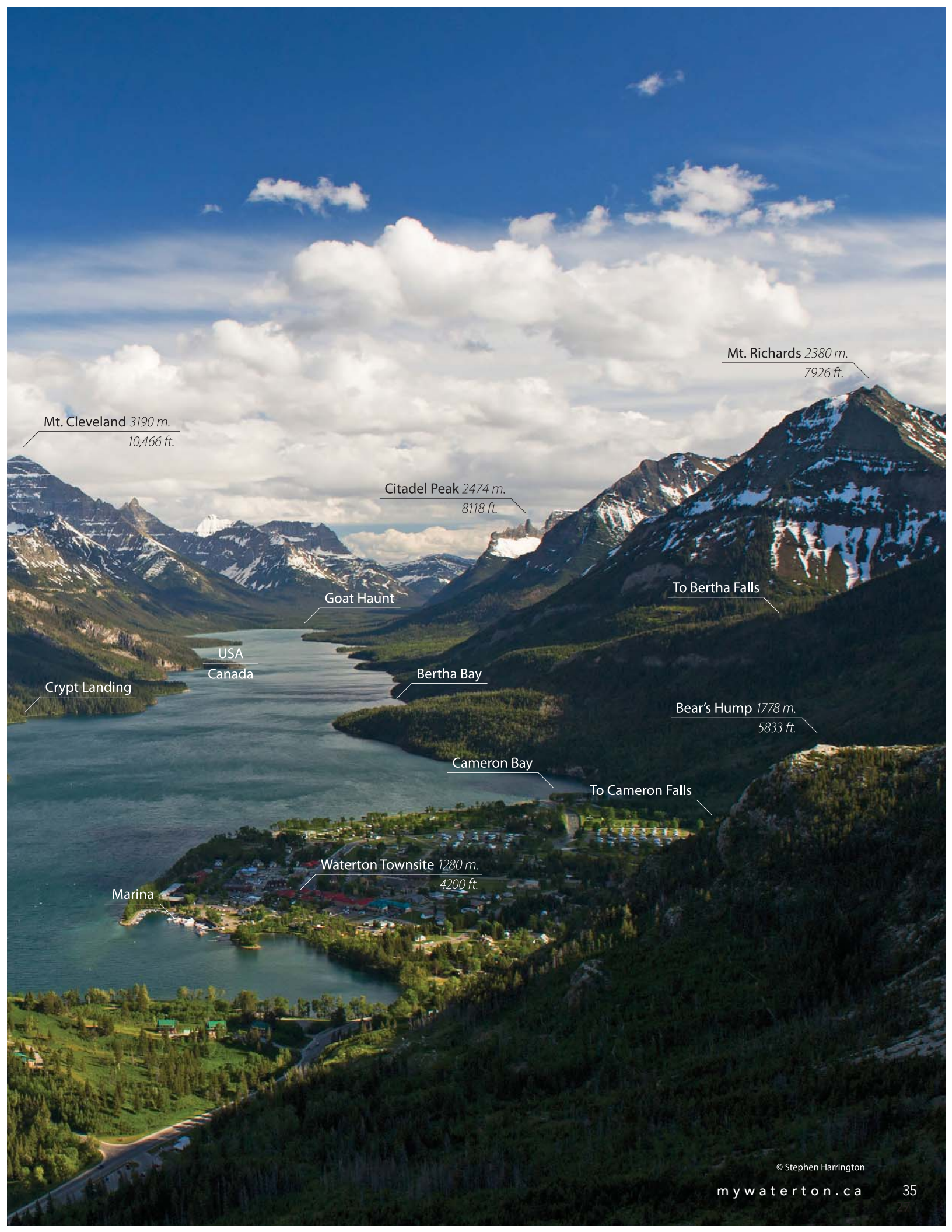
Wishbone Landing

Middle Waterton Lake

Prince of Wales

Linnet Lake





Mt. Cleveland 3190 m.
10,466 ft.

Mt. Richards 2380 m.
7926 ft.

Citadel Peak 2474 m.
8118 ft.

Goat Haunt

To Bertha Falls

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Crypt Landing

Bertha Bay

Bear's Hump 1778 m.
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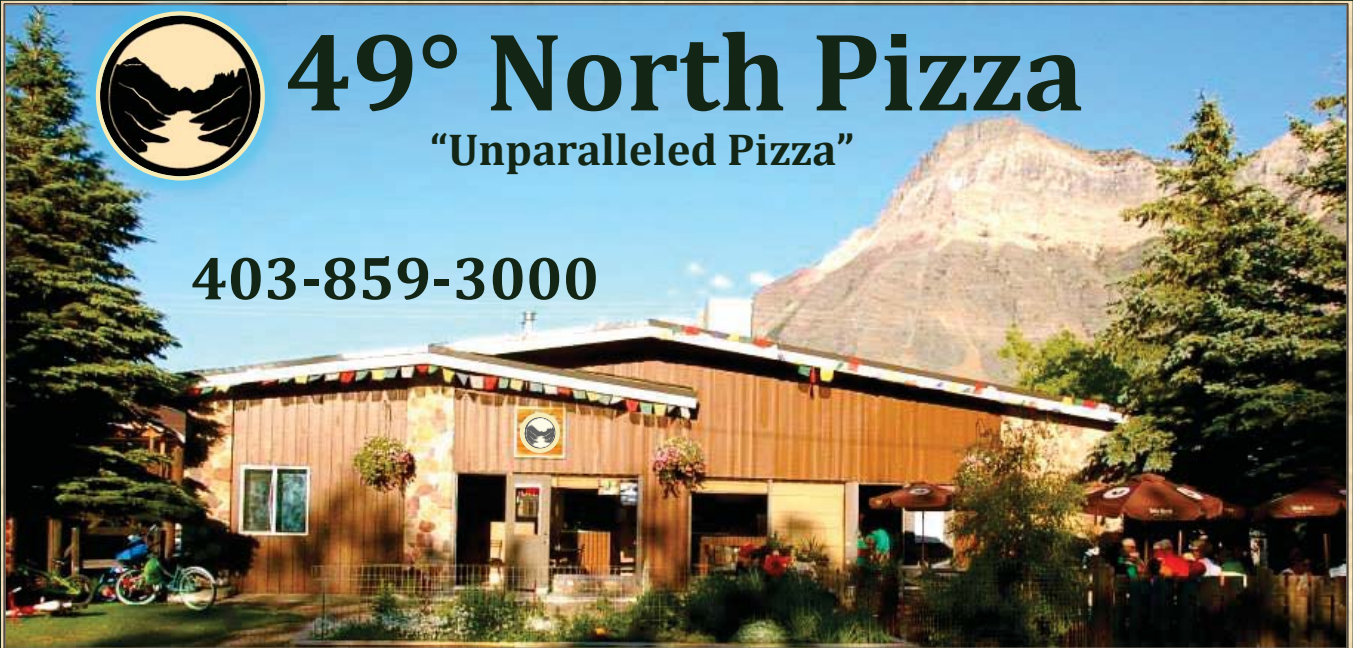
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On December 6, 1995, Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park was designated a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site. The park was given this designation because of its outstanding landforms and distinct climate – it’s where the mountains meet the prairies. It was also designated a Natural World Heritage Site because of the area’s International Peace Park status, which recognizes the outstanding goodwill and friendship between Canada and the USA and between Waterton and Glacier. Waterton-Glacier was named the first International Peace Park in 1932.

Waterton has been given a number of internationally recognized designations:

- International Peace Park
- UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site
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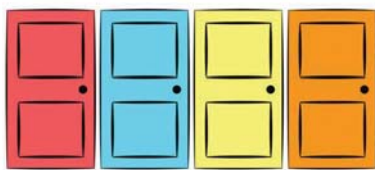
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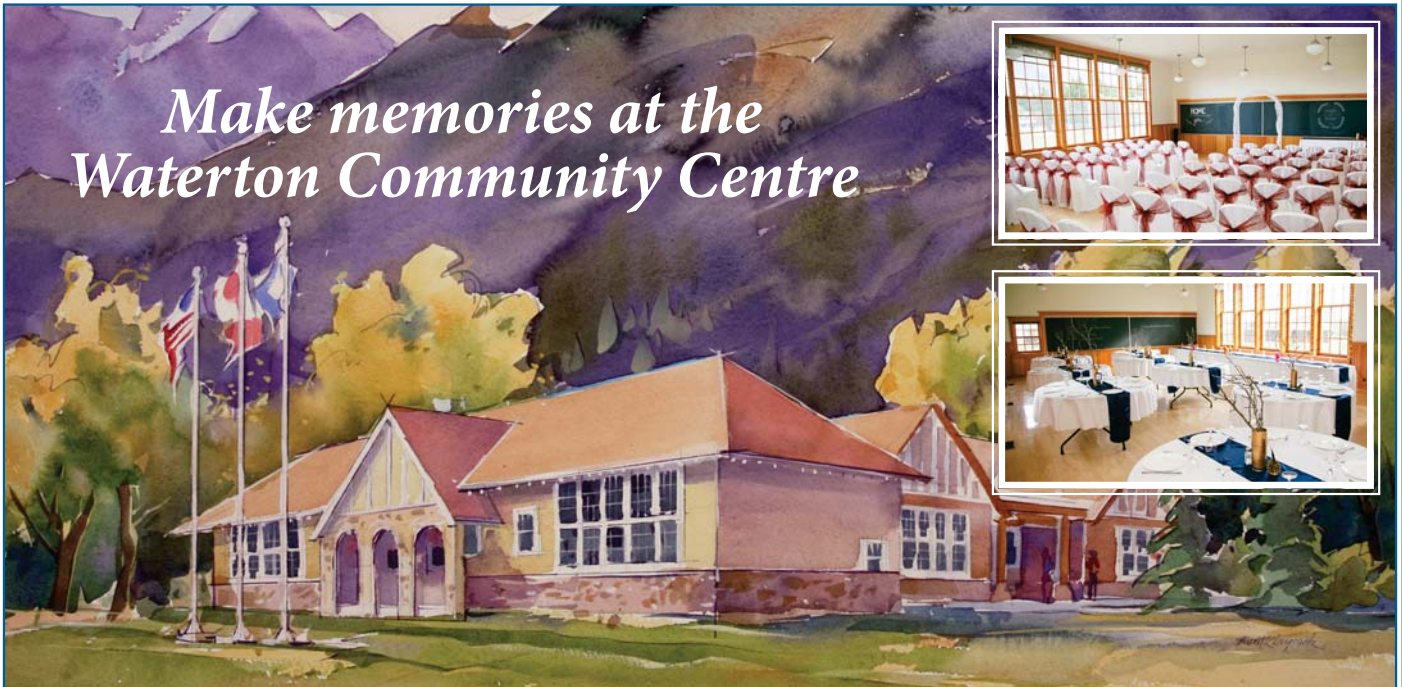
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With everything Waterton has to offer, festival ideas are as plentiful as the park's famous wild flowers.

Come spring, the lively tourist season begins with the first of several festivals and events in late May and early June.

Here are a few to put in your summer travel calendar that will also allow you to visit one of the Alberta's most scenic and unhurried, laid-back mountain towns. Be sure to check back as the festival dates get closer for the most up to date information at www.mywaterton.ca/events.

Wildflower Festival

JUNE 14 – JUNE 19, 2018

After a long and arduous climb up the ridge, you finally crest the peak and gaze upon hundreds of wildflowers. The guide points out rare species that are only found in Waterton such as a cluster of western wake-robin, and Lewis' mock-orange. Along another slope the group spots more provincially rare species of wildflowers such as the odd-shaped mountain lady's slipper, mountain hollyhock, and the cheery pygmy poppy. This guided hike is only a fraction of what is offered during the popular Waterton Wildflower Festival.

Why is Waterton granted the title the 'Wildflower Capital of Canada?' Geologic events resulted in Waterton Lakes National Park being a mountainous area that directly abuts the prairies. In Waterton, prairie plants from the Great Plains to the east overlap with Rocky Mountain plants from the north, and intermountain plants from the west. Forty-five different vegetation communities occur in the park including grasslands, shrublands, wetlands, lakes, spruce-fir, pine and aspen forests, and alpine meadows.

Photo Erik Hedlin

Waterton Wildlife Weekend

SEPTEMBER 13 – 16, 2018

If you've never heard the bugling call of an elk or witnessed the passionate duelling of male big horn sheep during rutting season, you're missing just a couple special wildlife moments found in Waterton Lakes National Park. Every September, Waterton Wildlife Weekend celebrates these phenomenal glimpses of nature in one of the most gorgeous settings in Canada. Waterton is a 505 square kilometre (195 square mile) park. Although it is one of Canada's smaller national parks, it never seems to disappoint wildlife watchers. It is very rare to not see some sort of wildlife in Waterton whether it be a black bear on the side of a hill or big horn sheep in the village. The festival developed out of people's curiosity of wildlife and the event has a packed schedule for all ages and interests, from naturalist talks to wildlife photography workshops.

Photo Mark Green

MyWaterton Family

ROBINSON/KRETZ FAMILY Waterton Shoreline Cruise Co. & 49 Degrees North Pizza

In 1952 and '53, a school principal named Stan Kretz spent his summers working as a fish warden at Cameron Lake. In 1954 he and his wife Vivian began offering boat services on Upper Waterton Lake. Over the years, Wanda Robinson (nee Kretz), her younger brother Rod Kretz, and their spouses (Ed Robinson and Nancy Kretz) grew the business to 4 tour boats, including the purchase and restoration of the historic MV International.

In recent years, the third generation has taken on an increasing role in daily operations of the sightseeing tour boat operation that transports passengers from Canada to the USA. Keith, Kevin, Kristopher, and Michael Robinson, as well as Matthew and Jeremy Kretz, are all Captains and Tour Guides and can be encountered by visitors any day of the week around the Waterton marina. Together, the cousins ensure a personable, informative cruise experience,



considered one of the must-do activities in Waterton. The cousins have a real desire to continue maintaining and restoring the historic MV International, so the vessel can celebrate its 100th birthday, less than a decade from now.

Away from the water, Kris Robinson has continued in the family's entrepreneurial footprints by developing and overseeing 49 Degrees North Pizza. Going forward with their tourism-oriented post-secondary degrees, these young men plan to open many new attractions and services in the coming years, to enhance the Waterton visitor experience.

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The Suleman family who operate the Bayshore Inn Resort & Spa and Waterton-Glacier Suites exemplify the values of the Peace Park.

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In addition to their world class hospitality, the family is highly involved in education and peace initiatives worldwide.

The family helps refugees start their Canadian careers by employing them, and have built a school and orphanage overseas.

THE BAKER FAMILY

Tamarack, Waterton's Outdoor Store & Waterton Outdoor Adventures

Waterton roots run deep for the Baker family; six generations have called the Park home since 1922. Today, the family owns and operates the Tamarack, Waterton's Outdoor Store and Waterton Outdoor Adventures, an adventure travel company. Work and play in the mountains of Waterton are what keeps their love strong for the people and the place. They welcome you to their backyard and encourage you to explore and create your own Waterton memories! – The Bakers



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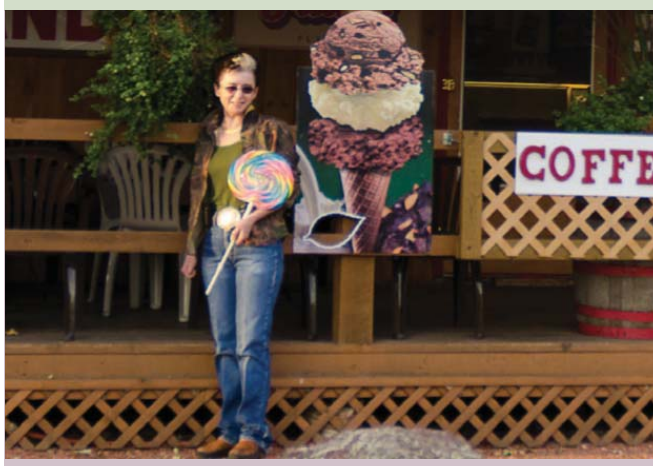


I started working in Waterton at the Prince of Wales Hotel in 1958 and continued working in the summers till 1969. In 1977 we opened our first gift and clothing store, Caribou Clothes, in a portion of the building that is now called Trappers restaurant. In 1986 I built the building that is the home for Big Scoop Ice Cream Parlor, The Big Chunk Fudge shop and Caribou Clothes. We have been operating it since then. Our business in Mountain View is in the 3rd generation of Uibel owners. Our family is what life is all about and we love to help and serve our community. - Ross Uibel

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THE BARRUS/WATSON FAMILY

Alpine Stables

Beginning operations in 1969, Dee and Lorna Barrus, along with their five children, built Alpine Stables from the ground up. Since that time the Barrus family have shared their love of Waterton with their family, friends, and guests from all over the world. Deb grew up spending many years by her dad's side exploring the back country and abundant beauty of Waterton. Today Deb continues to operate Alpine Stables with Dee and Lorna, her husband Jeff Watson, along with their children and grandchildren who are now into the 5th generation. The success of Alpine Stables wouldn't be what it is today without the help and support of all family members. We have a deep love for exploring these mountains on horseback, and are grateful to have experienced Waterton in its pristine condition. It has been a joy and an honor to share the beauty of Waterton on horseback with families from around the world for over 40 years, and we look forward to what the future has in store for us as we enter this new chapter.



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LOW FAMILY

Wieners of Waterton & Waffleton

Growing up hiking its mountains, playing in its lakes, and picnicking to its beautiful vistas, Waterton quickly found a place in the hearts of two brothers, Max and Jon Low. Soon after graduating from University in 2010, they decided to make it their home and together start a little business that would eventually become a household name for locals and visitors alike.

Through the years they've worked diligently to bring smiles to the faces (and bellies) of their customers with a focus on customer experience. Their staff has multiplied to meet the growing demand, but the friendly atmosphere remains the same. "We want people to have an unforgettable hot dog experience," they say.

Over the last decade, they have truly immersed themselves in the community by participating in events and volunteering much of their time and energy to making the village just a little better.

A few years after starting Wieners of Waterton, they opened a sister shop next door, called Waffleton, with the same goal - to send every customer out the door satisfied and fueled to explore this beautiful park.

They have also added two lovely wives and 3 bouncing babies to the mix since their beginnings, and they hope to instill their love of Waterton and commitment to its community into the hearts of their families for generations to come.



WATERTON HISTORY

Tawny Bertolozzi

The area that we now call Waterton Lakes National Park has a long history with nomadic Indigenous peoples; they would camp, hunt and gather plants along the lakes and river in the Waterton area. However, it wasn't until the middle of the 1800's that the first visit was made to the areas by Lt. Thomas Blakiston.

On a scouting expedition for the railway through the mountains, Lt. Thomas Blakiston named three large lakes he came across "Waterton", after British naturalist Charles Waterton.

In 1902, the first oil strike occurred, producing a flow of 300 barrels/day of high grade oil at "Original Discovery No.1" well site in Cameron Valley.

In 1904, the Western Coal and Oil Company was responsible for the first settlement in the townsite. They constructed a cook-house, bunk-house, blacksmith shop, office, stable, and engine room.

In 1932, Waterton Lakes National Park along with Glacier National Park in Montana became the world's first International Peace Park.

More than half of Alberta's plant species can be found in Waterton. This is just one of the reasons why Waterton Lakes National Park was the first Canadian national park to be designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1979.

Recognizing its significance in ecological diversity and its model of cooperation and good will, Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park was officially designated a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site in 1995.

The park has two National Historic Sites located within its boundaries: the First Oil Well in Western Canada NHS (designated in 1968) and the Prince of Wales Hotel NHS (designated in 1995).

Waterton Lakes National Park and Glacier National Park are the first two parks to be recognized as the first trans-boundary IDA International Dark Sky Park. Dark Sky Park status means that the parks and their communities are reducing the amount of light that is sent up into the sky at night. Anyone who loves to stargaze will enjoy coming to Waterton.



HISTORIC BOATS OF WATERTON



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M.V. INTERNATIONAL

Built on Waterton Lake in 1927, the 165-passenger Historic M.V. International shuttles passengers across the liquid border shimmering between Goat Haunt, Montana and Emerald Bay in Waterton Park, Alberta. Once upon a time, during the days of Alberta's so-called Blue-Laws, the vessel was used as a boat of festivities, so that people could step aboard to enjoy music, dance and drink in Montana (outside of Alberta's jurisdiction.)

As part of the fleet manned by the family owned-and-operated Waterton Shoreline Cruise Company, the International is the oldest operating passenger vessel in Canada. The International is a wooden ship of cedar/fir planking on oak frames and is continuously being maintained using traditional shipbuilding techniques.





Photo Benjamin Sim



Photo Leisel Quiton

WATERTON'S WRECK: THE GERTRUDE

Below the depths of Emerald Bay lies the steam paddle wheeler, "Gertrude". Built in 1907 on Maskinonge Lake in Waterton, she was originally used as a work boat for a nearby sawmill, but eventually transitioned into a tea room and restaurant moored in Emerald Bay. In 1918 Gertrude was deliberately scuttled in the bay and is now a popular destination for scuba diving enthusiasts with a penchant for history.

Historical Photos can be found at:

www.cardstonhistoricalsociety.org/waterton_park



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A HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF WATERTON COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

By Andrea Becker

Waterton's history includes some of the best kept secrets. Listed below are several the historic commercial and community buildings that have made what Waterton is today. This one-hour walking tour will take you through Waterton's townsite guiding you through the earliest community establishments, dating from the early 1900's to the end of the World War II era.

For more information on Waterton's Walking Tour visit mywaterton.ca/do

START AT 214 MOUNT VIEW ROAD

1 THE TAMARACK – WATERTON'S OUTDOOR STORE – 214 MOUNT VIEW ROAD

Constructed 1922 – 1932. Built to include an automobile showroom, a garage and an office, the exterior lines of this building are unchanged from 1932, despite many interior renovations. The original owner, George Baker, used the building for his many enterprises, and over 90 years later, his descendants still own and operate the business!

2 PARK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – 215 MOUNT VIEW ROAD

Constructed 1919-1936- As the construction dates suggest, this building grew as Waterton grew, and the park administration responsibilities required more people and more space. The 1935 addition to include a visitor information office was carried out as part of a make-work Depression Relief project. A large stone-arched doorway, built to impress the visitor, is still visible inside the building. In 2002, a rear addition was torn down and replaced by an interpretive garden.

• *Cross the parking lot to the marina on the lakeshore*

3 M.V INTERNATIONAL – ON THE MARINA

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NOTE: The MV International may be out on a cruise during your tour.

• *Return to the corner of Mount View Road and Waterton Avenue*



Photo Credit Parks Canada

4 PAT'S WATERTON – 224 MOUNT VIEW ROAD

Constructed 1928 - This is one of Waterton's oldest buildings and was built to service the growing automobile transportation needs of the community and visitors. Originally named "Waterton Motors", it was designed in the era when the parks branch architectural division kept a firm control over the design of Waterton construction, insisting on "Tudor-Rustic" or Swiss chalet-themed structures. The center section was originally open, to allow cars to pull right in for servicing.

• *Walk Down Mount View Road and turn right on Waterton Avenue*

5 LARKSPUR COFFEEHOUSE – 110 WATERTON AVENUE

Constructed 1922- You are looking at Waterton's oldest original restaurant! Built by Oland and Scott Construction, who also built the Prince of Wales and many other places, it was sold in 1924 to Mabel and Nahor Dilatush. They would also build the Stanley Hotel and the building now known as My Sister's Room. With the Waterton Dance Pavilion right across the street for decades, the very popular Tourist Café kept late hours to keep the party going!

6 EVERGREEN GIFTS/GUST GALLERY – 112 WATERTON AVENUE

Constructed 1927- Built by Oland and Scott Construction for Mabel and Nahor Dilatush, the Stanley Hotel has changed little. Named for their oldest son, the Stanley was designed by W.D. Cromarty of the Park Branch Architectural Division and superintendent from 1925 to 1929, who was committed to creating character buildings for Waterton's heritage. This "Tudor-Rustic" style, with exposed half-timbers and gabled roofline, is common throughout the park thanks to him.

7 FIRESIDE LOUNGE/CHOPHOUSE RESTAURANT/GLACIER BISTRO – 109 WATERTON AVENUE

Constructed 1935- This lovely building features a façade of colourful and unusual stones, selected from the Waterton environment. For many years it was known as The Kootenai Brown Dining Room. It also features the half-timbering details common in Waterton architecture, and compliments the heritage feel of the commercial district.

8 BAYSHORE CONVENTION CENTRE/ THIRSTY BEAR KITCHEN + BAR – 115 WATERTON AVENUE

Constructed 1938 – This was the site of the beautiful and famous Waterton Dance Pavilion. Built by Oland and Scott in 1926, it was such a lovely building that they were hired the next year to build the Prince of Wales Hotel. To the town's dismay, the dance pavilion burned down in January 1938, to be replaced by the building before you. It served as a dance pavilion until 1976, when it was sold and incorporated into the Bayshore Inn complex.

9 MY SISTER'S ROOM – 114 WATERTON AVENUE

Constructed 1928 – Mabel and Nahor Dilatush, responsible for the Stanley Hotel and the Tourist Café, had this charming building constructed as a butcher shop. They made sure the building complemented the heritage feel of their other buildings, by featuring half-timber detailing, a stone façade and the arched window above doorway. It has seen many uses over the years.

10 FORMER WATERTON HERITAGE CENTRE – 117 WATERTON AVENUE

Constructed 1952- This building was constructed by the park as the town's first fire hall. The first fire hall attendant, Ron Simmons, had a tiny little room off to the side of where the truck parked as a sleeping quarters! When the new fire hall was built in 1978, the charming old fire hall was slated for demolition. From 1986 to 2017, Parks Canada provided a licence of occupation for the building to the Waterton Natural History Association, a non-profit organization that operated a museum and bookstore and ran visitor programs such as geocaching and kiting.

11 RCMP HEADQUARTERS – 202 WATERTON AVENUE

Constructed 1927-28 – This lovely building benefits by being built during the building boom of the late 1920's, using the same crew that built the Prince of Wales and associated buildings. It is considered the best design by W.D. Cromarty of the Park Branch Architectural Division. The second building on the lot was originally the stable and jail cell, imported at the time from the Kingston Penitentiary! These buildings are now on the designated federal heritage register.

• Turn right on Cameron Falls Drive, then left on Windflower Avenue



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12 WATERTON LAKES OPERA HOUSE – 309 WINDFLOWER AVENUE

Constructed 1935 – An excellent example of design by the Park Branch Architectural Division, George Brewerton built this cinema, a function it retains to this day. But the name has changed over the years from Brewerton's, to Mayfair Theatre, to The Centre, to Alpine Cinema and finally The Waterton Lakes Opera House! The original wooden seats were bolted onto planks, which were pushed to the side during the day to allow roller skating on the flat hardwood floor. The heritage seats now in the theatre were brought in from an old vaudeville theatre in Great Falls in the 1960's, complementing the heritage of the beloved cinema.

13 ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOOD MART – 307 WINDFLOWER AVENUE

Constructed 1935-36 – George Delaney, a much-beloved Waterton character, took the lease on this bare lot in 1934 to build a grocery store- as long as he could be a year-round resident. Parks allowed this, and their architectural division even designed the original building. The hip-roofed building was originally sided with log, and has the half-timbered detailing prevalent in building designs of that era. It has always operated as a grocery store, but now operates seasonally.

14 PEARL'S CAFÉ – 305 WINDFLOWER AVENUE

The older building on this site was constructed in 1936 by Oland and Scott Construction, who built the Prince of Wales. It was a grocery store for a number of years until 1944, when it became Waterton's first liquor store. After a new Alberta Liquor Control Board was built in 1961, it went back to being a grocery store, owned at this time by J.A. Greene. Greene sold it to Pearl Irvine in the 1970's, who started a pizza parlour, and her name is on the building to this day.

• Return to Cameron Falls Drive and turn right













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Waterton Townsite Historical Tour Map

LEGEND

-  Public Parking
-  Picnic shelter
-  Playground
-  Picnic area
-  Hiking trail
-  Trail
-  Washrooms
-  Post office
-  Exhibit
-  Accessible



15 COMMUNITY CENTRE (OLD SCHOOL)

Established 1925 – Establishing a school was a priority for park officials as early as 1919, but it wasn't until 1925 that a one-room schoolhouse was built. In 1928, the colonnaded portico of field stone was added, designed by W.D. Cromarty of the Park Branch Architectural Division. By 1931, there were two classrooms for the 30 students, and a gym was added in the 1940's. But by 1995, there were not enough year-round residents to keep a school going, and the building then took on the role as a community centre.

• *Continue south on Evergreen Avenue past Cameron Falls*

16 NORTHLAND LODGE – 408 EVERGREEN AVENUE

Constructed 1928- This classic Swiss chalet-style lodge was built at the same time as the Prince of Wales Hotel, as the personal lodge for the Great Northern Railway's boss, Louis W. Hill. He named it Carthew Lodge. But he preferred to stay at his beloved Prince of Wales, and is said to have never slept here. Fred Udell, who worked at the Prince of Wales for many years, became caretaker of the place, and raised his family here. In 1949, the lodge was sold and refitted for guest accommodation under the name of Northland Lodge.

• *Return to Cameron Falls Drive and turn left on Fountain Avenue*

17 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH – 211 FOUNTAIN AVENUE

Constructed 1950-1951- This lovely rustic church was a labour of love for the nearby towns after the first Catholic church, built in 1929 of green logs, was condemned in 1947. After money was raised from donations, material and labour came from Pincher Creek, Cardston, Twin Butte and some of the Waterton cabin owners. The church changed the original name of "Precious Blood" to "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" to reflect its mountain setting, and the first mass was held July 1, 1951.

18 LIONS HALL – 209 FOUNTAIN AVENUE

Established 1949- The Lions Club of Waterton were a determined bunch to establish Waterton's first community hall. With monies scratched together by fundraisers, they purchased a surplus building from the Fort Macleod war-time flight training school to move to Waterton. This one fell apart on the trip down. After more fundraising, another building was purchased in 1949 and successfully moved. But it was bigger than the original building, and so the Lions Club simply asked Catholic Church officials if they could have eight feet of their adjacent lot! Park officials in Ottawa were not impressed when they found out afterwards.

• *Walk to the end of the street and turn left on Mount View Road*

19 CRANDELL MOUNTAIN LODGE – 102 MOUNT VIEW ROAD

Constructed 1939-1940 – The construction of Crandell Lodge created a bit of a stir back in 1939, as it was to use two commercial lots. But because of its prominent location, park officials allowed Hilding Hagglund to go ahead, with some revisions to the style. As a result, this handsome lodge, named for the mountain that looms above it, is another 'Tudor-Rustic'-style historical treasure.

• *Turn right at the three way stop and walk up the hill. Turn up the side road on the right just after the turn-off into the picnic ground.*

20 PRINCE OF WALES STAFF ACCOMMODATION

Constructed 1927-28 – When the Great North Railway set about to build 'helps buildings' for their Prince of Wales Hotel, the Parks office was very firm they adhere to the Swiss Chalet architectural theme. As a result, the three attractive buildings serve as a link of the chalet-style to the Tudor-Rustic architectural theme being developed in the town site at the time.

21 PRINCE OF WALES STAFF COTTAGE

Constructed 1927-28 – Built at the same time as the three dormitory staff buildings, this lovely cottage originally served as a recreation facility for the Prince of Wales staff. It was designed to complement the Swiss-theme, and now is used for staff accommodation.

22 PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

Constructed 1926-27- Whole books have been written about the iconic Prince of Wales Hotel, full of great stories and anecdotes. The last of the lodges in Waterton-Glacier to be built by the Great Northern Railway, this grand Swiss chalet-themed hotel firmly placed Waterton on the tourism map. No expense was spared on the \$1 million hotel. Great Northern's boss himself Louis W. Hill changed the blueprints from a four-storey structure to the seven storey building with the great sweeping roofline that pays tribute to the mountain peaks all around. Rooms started at \$8.50 a night when it opened July 25, 1927, and included three meals a day. Spend some time at the towering windows in the lobby to soak in the view that inspired the construction of this marvelous architectural treasure. **END OF TOUR**



Photo Credit Parks Canada

INDIGENOUS PRESENCE IN WATERTON



Photo Trevor Page

Waterton Lakes National Park is part of the traditional territory and a place of significance of the Blackfoot (Nitsitappii). Indigenous presence in southwest Alberta can be traced back almost 12,000 years, and at least 10,000 years in Waterton Lakes National Park. There are signs of campsites, fire rings, bison drive lanes, and other cultural features.

The land, water, air, animals and plants are all interconnected with significant meaning, and are woven together into the fabric of contemporary Blackfoot life.

One of the most sacred places to the Blackfoot in Waterton Lakes National Park is the Maskinonge Day Use Area and Overlook on the south side of the Waterton River, along Highway 5 just before the Chief Mountain turnoff. This wetland is a resting point for migratory animals in spring and fall.

The remains of a ceremonial sweat lodge and a medicine wheel can be found at the Maskinonge. The medicine wheel was created during the 2011 Blackfoot Conference held in Waterton Lakes National Park. The medicine wheel symbolizes stewardship and connection with the land, and should be respected and honoured.

Parks Canada and the Blackfoot have worked together to offer programs and events to share Blackfoot culture and knowledge with the many thousands who visit Waterton every year.

For more information on these events, please visit www.parkscanada.ca/waterton.

We invite you to discover more about the Blackfoot by attending one of these activities hosted by Parks Canada:

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**BLACKFOOT ARTS AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL:
Monday July 23 to Wednesday July 25, 2018**



Photo Trevor Page

ON A RAINY DAY

Photo Peter Klok

WHEN THE SOUND OF RAIN ECHOES IN THE VALLEY, THERE ARE STILL SOME ACTIVITIES TO KEEP YOU ENTERTAINED WHILE VISITING WATERTON. CHECK OUT SOME OF THE IDEAS BELOW!

SWIMMING

If you do not have access to a pool you can purchase a pass from Waterton Lakes Lodge, which is also equipped with a hot tub and dry sauna. If you are looking to exercise, you can crank up the music and break out a sweat to the view of the mountains!

CAFÉ CURL-UP

Grab a cup of cocoa, coffee or other hot beverage at any one of the restaurants in town!

HIGH TEA AT THE PRINCE OF WALES

Afternoon Tea features a selection of teas and a variety of sandwiches, squares and pastries to enjoy while overlooking the Waterton Lakes.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT/LIVE BANDS

Some restaurants regularly bring in local artists, so you won't have to worry about boredom on a rainy day!

CATCH A MOVIE

With vintage seats and historical charm, the Waterton Lakes Opera House Movie Theatre is the place to watch a favorite flick and enjoy fresh buttered popcorn.

BOARD GAMES

Various hotel front desks may have board games. Or, check out one of the Gift Shops in town as you are certain to find board games, a deck of cards and other activities to entertain you whilst indoors.

PICNIC IN CAMP SHELTERS BY THE LAKESHORE

Fun is what you make it and listening to the rain bounce off the roof while enjoying a picnic or hot beverage is a Waterton experience you will remember forever.

PAMPER YOURSELF

Shift your focus to reconnecting not just with nature but with yourself. Treat yourself to a massage, pedicure or the whole works and feel completely relaxed and rejuvenated.

WATERTON'S WILDLIFE



Photo Gill Ross



Photo Monte Comeau

Waterton Lakes National Park is one of the best places to view wildlife in the Rocky Mountains.

Seeing wildlife can be a special moment in one's lifetime; the opportunity to be with wildlife is a privilege. Many wild animals consider Waterton their home, and their home should always be respected. We have a role to play in helping to keep wildlife natural and safe.

The opportunity to photograph wild animals within a safe distance is abundant. Often roadways will be congested with deer or big horn sheep. While hiking you may come across fresh laid tracks, diggings or scat indicating the presence of wildlife. If you are observant you will notice the clues that wildlife leaves behind. Bears are good climbers and will leave scars on tree bark. Animals will frequent the same trails; if you are moving through a path where you suddenly find you must crouch down low on a defined trail you may want to choose a different route as it probably is not a human trail.

Parks Canada has a variety of programs that will help you develop your wildlife identification skills in both the summer and winter. Or take in the annual Waterton Wildlife Festival in September to learn more about Waterton's amazing wild creatures.

Moose, bear, elk, deer, lynx, and 57 other mammals (not to mention 250 species of birds, 6 species of amphibians, 4 species of reptiles, and 24 species of fish) are found in this 505 square kilometre (195 square mile) protected area.



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Waterton Lakes National Park

Photo Mark Semócs

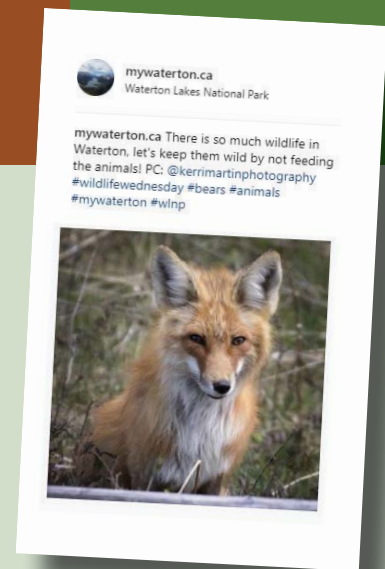


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WILDLIFE SAFETY & VIEWING TIPS

Wildlife viewing opportunities abound in Waterton Lakes National Park and the perfect picture never seems to be very far away. But wait! For your health and safety, as well as that of the many different species of animal in Waterton, please do not approach, touch or feed any wildlife. Please keep the following in mind.

- It is illegal to feed, entice, or disturb any wildlife in a national park! Don't believe us? Just check the Canada National Parks Act.
- Feeding wildlife causes them to become habituated and dependent on human handouts (this includes trying to feed grasses and leaves to a deer). Wildlife may forget how to acquire their natural food sources and the end result could be that the animals do not survive the harsh winters. Especially keep this in mind when you see the "friendly chippies" (chipmunks and golden-mantled ground squirrels) that often hang out atop the Bear's Hump and near Cameron Falls.
- While the deer, sheep and other animals that hang around the townsite may seem cute, and tame enough to pet, this activity should be avoided. If bothered enough, these ungulates have been known to rear up, swing their sharp front hooves and knock people to the ground. People of all ages have had aggressive encounters with deer and sheep.
- Some wildlife may carry diseases that can be transmitted to people simply by touching and petting them. Of course, further complications can arise if you are bitten by an animal.
- Make sure to keep your domestic pets on a lead, as it is illegal to have pets off leash in a national park. Some animals in Waterton Park, like the deer, have a history of demonstrating aggressive behavior towards dogs, so always keep your distance and be aware.
- Remain in your vehicle if you spot wildlife while driving around Waterton, especially if you see a bear! Also make sure to slow the vehicle down and pull over to the shoulder of the road for safety reasons. Follow all posted speed limits and be careful on the roads.
- It is recommended that you stay at least 30m (100') away from large mammals (and even further away from bears).
- Wildlife are unpredictable and you should never turn your back on an animal, especially not to take a selfie.



- Wildlife tend to be less active during the heat of the day, so plan to go exploring in the early morning hours, or in the late-afternoon / evening.
- When hiking in bear country, make sure to announce your presence in advance by talking loudly within your group (four or more people is best), singing songs, shouting out, or clapping your hands, etc. Bear Bells are not necessarily loud enough to carry through the forest. The last thing you want to do is surprise a mother bear with cubs.
- If you do encounter a bear, stay calm and talk to the bear as you back away slowly (do not turn your back). Make yourself appear big by picking up small children and remaining in a group. Do not drop your backpack or bag. Keep bear spray accessible and make sure you are prepared and know how to use it.
- In the extremely unlikely event that you encounter a cougar, or wolf, immediately pick up small children and pets. Make yourself appear as large as possible. Do not turn your back on the animal. Maintain eye contact and back away slowly; do not run and do not play dead.

Please consult Parks Canada's Keep the Wild in the Wildlife document for more details.

Take a look at Parks Canada's wildlife viewing and wildlife safety web pages:

<http://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ab/waterton/activ/experiences/observationfaune-wildlifeviewing>

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To report wildlife sightings call 1-888-WARDENS (927-3367)

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Brimming with nature's magnificence, Waterton Lakes National Park offers an abundance of photo opportunities. Bring out your best camera equipment and capture the memories and the majestic images of Waterton!

PRINCE OF WALES HILL Standing tall on the bluff above Waterton is this picture-perfect place to take a photo with the Waterton Lakes sparkling splendidly in the background. It also provides an alternate viewpoint of the town site below.

CAMERON FALLS A great backdrop to create a record of those memories worth savouring. Situated on the edge of Bertha Peak, these falls are a must-see.

BERTHA FALLS The hike to Bertha Lake provides stunning views of several waterfalls, including the long cascade of Upper Bertha Falls. This popular destination starts from the town site on Evergreen Street (about 500 metres past Cameron Falls).

LAKE SHORE Walking along the lakeshore is not only peaceful but provides the best view of the Waterton Valley from the ground. Of course, the best time to take these photos is early morning or late afternoon.

THE RED CHAIRS The Red Chairs are strategically placed at some of the best lookouts in Waterton. As you explore Waterton, be sure to keep your eyes out for these iconic chairs as they are sure to share a breathtaking viewpoint that's selfie worthy!

SUNSET BOAT CRUISE Enjoy the sunset on a boat with the Waterton Lake sparkling like crystals behind you. It is the ultimate setting for a selfie and a must-do while experiencing Waterton!

DARK SKIES The stars and the moon shine bright in Waterton. On a clear night the dark skies might allow you to capture the Milky Way and the Northern Lights.



Photo Michelle McCullough



Photo Tanis Hardy

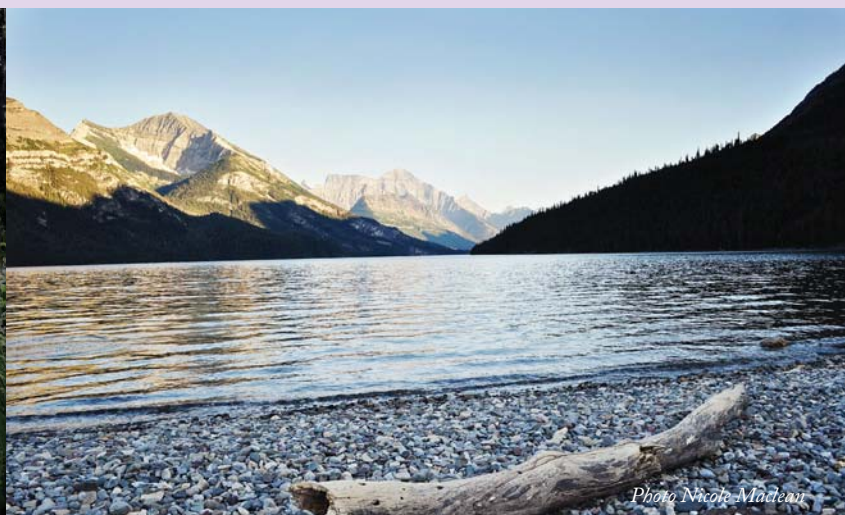
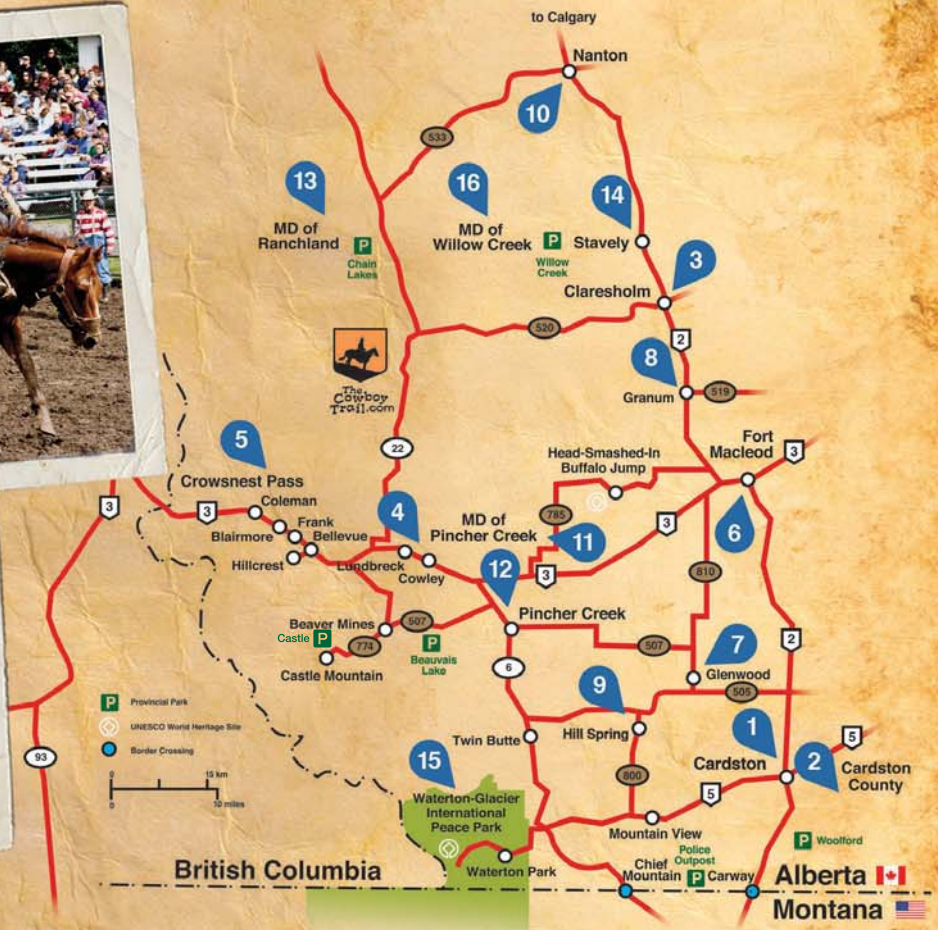


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